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TO: SERAN SPULL DIR

INFO: SBONN

CITE: SBRLN

CALL/CART/TPEMBER/ZIPPER

REF SPULL 4789 (*

), SBRLN 8231 (IN 38345) SPULL 5018 (IN 39165)

1. INTERCEPTS ON CALES! DATED 16 FEBRUARY

BECEIVED BOB 19 FEBRUARY CONFIRM INFORMATION GIVEN PULL BY ZIPPER

AS SET OUT SPULL 5018. INTERCEPTS PLUS OTHER INFORMATION IN B EFS

PEFLECT HOPHBER APPARENTLY ZIPPER CASE OFFICER HANDLING CALES AS

PENETRATION TPEMBER. SHORTLY PRIOR ALLEDGED ABDUCTION HOPHBER CALES

GAVE HIM 25-30 PAGE REPORT PRESUMABLY CONCERNING TPEMBER. PER INTER
CEPTS CALES NOW WORKIED THIS REPORT IN BRIEFCASE CARRIED BY HOPHBER

AT TIME OF DISAPPEARANCE. HOPHBER'S WIFE OF OPINION REPORT NOT IN

BRIEFCASE, HO EVER, HOPHBER ALSO CARRYING NOTEBOOK REFLECTING ADDRESSES

AND MEETINGS. HOPHBER IN CONTACT KIRVES FOR PAST 2 YEARS AND KIRVES

CLOSE FRIEND HOPHBER'S WHEREABOUTS OR THAT HE ACTUALLY KIDNAPPED. MAN

WHO MET HOPHBER IN MOSELLAMER CAFE WITTENBURGERPLATZ KNOWN AS ANTON

BELIEVED BY GALES AND MPS. HOUHBER TO DE KIRVES. WE ENDEAVORING MAKE

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POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.

- 2. ON 17 FEBRUARY AT 1800 WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE BOB -CONTACTED KIRVES EAST BENLIN. KIRVES FRIGHTENED, NERVOUS AND WORRIED. CLAIMED HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH KIDNAPPING HOEHRER AND NOT IN WEST BERLIN THAT DAY. KIRVES EXTREMELY MORRIED OVER PUBLICITY ALLEGING HE BAVE HOEHRER DOCUMENTS RELATING ILLEGAL EAST-WEST TRADE BY DDR AUTHORITIES. TOLD - I WOULD BE UNABLE SQUARE HIMSELF THIS ACCUSATION. ADVISED HE INTENDED TAKE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE TO KARLSHORST SAME DAY RATHER THAN WAIT TO BE ARRESTED. CONVINCED KIRVES \sqsubset TELLING TRUTH. - CAMBIAGED 20 FEBRUARY. NO INDICATIONS OF SENSITIVITY. POSSIBILITY EXISTS HAVE & T ATTEMPT INDUCE KIRVES TO FLEE WEST. - HAS AGREED RECONTACT KIRVES AND ENDEAVOR BRING HIM WEST. REGARDLESS HIS KNOWLEDGE THIS CASE KIRVES OF DEFINITE INTEREST g = AND OTHER MATTERS. C > WILL BE INSTRUCTED 20 FEBRUARY TO GO AHEAD UNLESS HE CONSIDERS THAT THIS ACTION PLACES HIM IN DEFINITE JEOPARDY.
- 3. GOL. ROOD: ALBRO, TO USGOB, QUERTED THIS CASE 19

 AND 20 FEBRUARY AND WAS ADVISED BY IN GENERAL CONGERNING CASE.

 ALBRO ADVISED GENERAL TIMBERMAN. USGOB DESTROYS UNOFFICIALLY INFORM

 MAYOR REUTER THAT HOEHRER WAS GERBAN INTELLIDENCE AGENT WAD TOOK OWN

POLITICAL CAUSE CELEBRE BY WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES. USCOB AGREES NOT TAKE SUCH ACTION PENDING CLEARANCE KUBARK. BELIEVE EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE SEPARATE THIS CASE FROM TPEMBER. REQUEST ADVICE THIS POINT.

5. RE PARA 1 SPULL 5018 IN FUTURE WOULD APPRECIATE SUCH UNCEFTIGIAL ADVICES BEING CABLED BOB. SUGGEST ZIPPER REPRESENTATIVES INSTRUCT HOCHRER'S FAMILY NOT DISCUSS CASE AS FREELY AS INTERCEPTS REFLECT THEY HAVE REEN. DO NOT INDICATE ZIPPER WE HAVE INTERCEPT COVERAGE. RE PARA 5 SPULL 5018 RECHECK REFLECTS ZIPPER REPRESENTATIVE WHO CONTACTED PUBLIC SAFETY USED MANE ALBRECHT NOT ULBRICHT. CAN PULL

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MATION ON KIRVES.

FURTHER IDENTIFY. UNFORTUNATELY PUBLIC SAFETY DID NOT MAKE EFFORT IDENTIFY. POLICE INVESTIGATION INADVERTENTLY NOT REFERRED INITIALLY TO ABTEILUNG V AS POSSIBLE ABDUCTION BUT HANDLED AS ROUTINE MISSING PERSONS CASE. ABTEILUNG V NOW INVESTIGATING BUT NOT YET ABLE VERIFY AS KIDNAPPING. ODOPAL ADVISED 20 FEBRUARY THEY IN CONTACT 2 LOW LEVEL MVD SPITZELS WHO INSTRUCTED BY MVD CONTACT HOEHRER. THIS MAY HAVE SOME BEARING DISAPPEARANCE. WITH CONCURRENCE BOB ODOPAL TURNING SPITZELS OVER TO ABTEILUNG V FOR INTENSIVE INTERROGATION. / DETAILS BEING PROCURED AND WILL BE FORWARDED. PARA 7 SPULL 5018 BEING DIS-BOB WILL FURNISH EVERY ASSISTANCE THIS MATTER. DESIRE COPY FULL REPORT ZIPPER INVESTIGATION NOW SEING MADE. 6. C I BEING RECONTACTED 20 FEBRUARY FOR ANY FURTHER INFOR-

7. PUBLIC SAFETY HICOG ALREADY AVARE HOEHRER ZIPPER A GENT AS REFLECTED SBRLN 8231. PUBLIC SAFETY PLANS ADVISE PUBLIC SAFETY BONN THAT HOEHRER WORKING FOR GERMAN INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION AND THAT THIS NOT CASE OF KIDNAPPING INMOCENT WEST BERLIN POLITICIAN. SUCH ADVICE TEMPORARILY DEFENRED AT REQUEST. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU HAVE ODJECTION.

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8. WE CONTINUING ENDEAVOR SECURE FULL HISTORY. PLEASE ADVISE ANY ADDITIONAL ACTION DESIRED.

END OF MESSAGE.

MAYO COMMENT: NOT BOVD WASH M/C